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The Cambodian Army counterattack near Route 3 on the south bank of the Prek Thnaot quickly faltered yesterday in the face of stiff Khmer Communist resistance. Combat elsewhere along Phnom Penh's southern defenses was limited to sporadic shellings and minor ground probes. The situation northwest of the city remains unchanged with government forces conducting mopping up operations in an area four miles from Pochentong airport. Communist gunners damaged an ammunition barge during an attack on a Mekong River convoy yesterday but all vessels had arrived in Phnom Penh by early evening.

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